

# RUMANIA DECLARES WAR ON AUSTRIA

## President Discusses Break of Deadlock

### Waits Move of Railroad Heads Today

President Seeks Basis for Next Step if Deadlock Is Continued.

### Looking to Congress

Government Forces at Capital Work With Feverish Haste to Prevent Tieup

Washington, Aug. 28.—President Wilson early today sent word to the committee of eight railroad executives, who will formally present the railroad counterproposal, that he would receive them at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon instead of 10 o'clock this morning. This was determined upon in order that the president might hold further conferences on legislation on the strike situation for presentation to congress.

W. G. Lee, head of the trainmen, today issued a statement declaring that the brotherhoods had no intention of arbitrating the eight-hour work day.

The committee of eight conferred with President Wilson an hour and afterward Hale Holden, as spokesman, said that a statement would be given out by the executives inside an hour, but that it would not be a final statement.

While the president was conferring with the railroad executives conferences were resumed at the department of justice. Senator Newlands, Commissioner Chambers and representatives of the interstate commerce commission were conferred again with Acting Attorney General Todd, discussing the legislation which has been prepared in tentative draft.

President Wilson's plan for breaking the deadlock between the railroad and their employees, as discussed in conference today was as follows:

An eight-hour law for railroads, to become effective at a date far enough in the future to give the railroads opportunity to prepare for it.

A law patterned after the Canadian act which creates a commission of investigation and prevents lockouts or strikes while an industrial dispute is being investigated.

Expect Railroads' Refusal.

This plan was discussed by the president with his party leaders in congress as the basis for the next step after the railroad managers have formally announced the refusal to accept the plan of settlement the president previously proposed.

They were expected to do this at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon at a White House conference.

Meanwhile, congressional leaders gave up hope of adjournment this week. Senator Newlands and Commissioner Chambers of the federal mediation board conferred today with Acting Attorney General Todd about the legislative program, but all denied that any legal measures for preventing a strike had been discussed.

While the president has not finally given up hope of bringing about an agreement through direct negotiations, he is going forward with his preparations for going before congress with his plan for legislation. It was understood today that many proposals of different form have been presented to the railroad executives through the White House, but that they have all been met with the statement that the railroads stood for arbitrating the whole controversy.

President Will Reveal Details.

If all the negotiations fail and the president goes before congress, probably tomorrow or Wednesday, it is said he will reveal the details of all the negotiations.

At 4 o'clock this afternoon and after his conference with the railway executives, President Wilson plans to go to the capitol again to confer with the democratic steering committee of senators to discuss the proposed legislation.

The four brotherhood heads issued a statement replying to President Wilson's plan, who last night made an announcement that rather than give up arbitration the roads preferred to face a strike.

The statement charged the Pennsylvania with inconsistency, in that two years ago it fought the efforts of its shop men to organize and arbitrate. It also declared that as the controlling interest in five smaller roads it has refused them representation of the managers' conference committee and that if arbitration were agreed upon it would not apply to these roads.

Congress May Intervene.

President Wilson's negotiations for averting the threatened nation wide railway strike are in the last stage

### Bank's Victim Shuffles off Mortal Coil

Chicago, Aug. 28.—Mikan Buczyk, who lost \$200, his life's savings, in the private banks of Adolph Silver & Co., which were closed 10 days ago, committed suicide today.

Grand jury action in connection with the closing of the banks has been temporarily postponed, State's Attorney Hoyne announced. The matter probably will be laid before the September grand jury, he said.

with a break or a settlement apparently not far off.

With the railway executives standing firm against the eight hour day and the brotherhood leaders still standing out against arbitrating it, the hope of preventing a tie up of

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### Commerce Heads Give Out Ruling

How Railroad Ownership of Water Lines Is Affected By Application of Panama Act.

Washington, Aug. 28.—The interstate commerce commission held today that the Norfolk & Western must be excluded from interest in the operation of the Old Dominion Steamship company and the Virginia Navigation company under the Panama canal act which prohibits railroad ownership of water lines. The commission held, however, that the Chesapeake & Ohio, the Seaboard Air Line, the Atlantic Coast Line and Southern Railways may continue to participate in the operation of the Old Dominion and the Virginia Navigation company because it is to the advantage of commerce and in the interest of the public.

The continued operation of the Chesapeake Steamship company by the Southern Railway and the Chesapeake & Ohio railway and the operation of the Baltimore Steam Packet company by the Atlantic Coast Line railway also was authorized.

### Steal Large Safe; Get \$1,000 in Job

Chicago, Aug. 28.—Burglars stole a 700-pound safe of the Columbus theater early today, hauled it three miles away and dynamited it, escaping with \$1,000.

### The War Today

Rumania's declaration of war against Austria was followed swiftly by military action. Today's official German announcement indicates that a new campaign, along the Hungarian-Rumanian frontier is under way. The statement says the Rumanians have been taken prisoner.

Rumania has entered the war with the entente allies. Official announcement is made at Berlin that the existence of a state of war with Austria-Hungary was proclaimed in Bucharest yesterday evening.

The military situation in the Balkans now becomes of preponderant importance. It is to be expected Rumania will follow a plan of campaign mapped out by the high council of the entente powers, whether against Austria-Hungary or Bulgaria, or both. An indication that Rumania moved in accordance with a pre-determined plan of the entente allies is found in the fact that her declaration of war was made on the same day as Italy's declaration against Germany.

On the Macedonian front the Bulgarians, claiming consistent gains on the western end of the line, are lengthening the front and pushing into Albania.

Bad weather is interfering with operations on the Somme front. Before Verdun the Germans returned to the attack last night. Paris reports that several assaults on French positions at Fleury were repulsed.

Italy has ended the anomalous situation that has existed for many months by formally declaring that from today a state of war exists with Germany, her former ally.

Along the front in France there has been renewed British activity north of Bazentin-Le-Petit, northwest of Ghinzy and south of Thiepval.

Paris says German attacks in the Verdun sector were repulsed. The Russians have again started an offensive in the Riga region. In the Carpathians, the Russians have made a fresh advance at Koveria mountain, near the Hungarian border.

In a Russian success over the Turks along the Masladarasi river. On the Italian front, the Austrians are heavily bombarding positions at Vallone. In the Carnic Alps the Italians have taken several Austrian positions.

### GERMANS ON FRENCH LINE DRIVEN BACK

Artillery Fighting Is Latest Feature on the Macedonian Front.

### Greeks Cheer Wildly

Fifty Thousand Athenians Applaud Venizelos in His Stand for Government.

Paris, Aug. 28.—The Germans made several attacks on the French positions at Fleury last night but were repulsed, says today's war office announcement.

London, Aug. 28.—Artillery fighting is in progress along the Macedonian front but no infantry actions of importance are under way, so far as is indicated by today's official account which follows.

"On our Dorian front our artillery silenced the enemy's guns which were bombarding our positions."

"On the Struma front the Bulgarians shelled Melis and we dispersed an enemy working party northeast of Komarjan."

Appeal to Grecian King.

Athens, Aug. 27, (via London, Aug. 28, 1:30 a. m.)—Fifty thousand Greeks joined in a demonstration before the residence of Venizelos, the former premier, today and cheered him with boundless enthusiasm when he urged them to send a committee to King Constantine to urge him to support the present government and prepare the army for a "possible rupture of existing conditions." Addressing the multitude, Venizelos said:

"Last week I summoned you to a demonstration to show what I do. Now I exhort you to send a committee before the king and to say to him:

"Your majesty, you were the victim of persons who persuaded you there would be a German victory and you thought you could violate the constitution. The people do not approve of these facts. The reservists' telegraph you that they are ready to follow you, because they think you always will remain neutral."

"Elections are necessary, but you must not use your influence politically, because the results would be destructive. The present government is absolutely necessary. The premier (Alexander Zaimis) is an excellent man. You should give the government full political authority. You must now show the entente powers most benevolent neutrality and exercise the army in preparation for a possible rupture of existing conditions. The liberal party is confident as regards your position."

Concluding, Venizelos declared: "I think our desire will be favorably accepted: otherwise I will do my best."

Depressed Over Situation.

The landing of the first contingent of Italian troops at Chlirara, a small seaport of Albania on the Strait of Granto, causes gloom throughout all Greece. The Greeks now see not only eastern Macedonia in the hands of the Bulgars, whom they expelled from there three years ago, but northern Epirus in the hands of the Italians.

Following the landing of the Italian troops, the Greek civil officers were temporarily relieved of their functions and the telegraph wires were cut, but this damage was soon repaired.

M. Pachitch, the former Serbian premier, has gone to Chalkis to pay his respects to King Peter.


Turkish Drive Checked.

Washington, Aug. 28.—The Turkish drive toward Persia aimed apparently to outflank the Russian armies operating in Armenia is reported in dispatches received here today, to have been held up by heavy Russian reinforcements.

The foreign legations in Teheran, though still disturbed, have not yet fled from the city. The report taken in conjunction with the recent Russian successes at Bitlis and Mush, is interpreted as removing danger of a Turkish outflanking movement against Russia or of an invasion of Persia.

Slipped Through His Nets

JOHN BULL



### Wheat Break Follows War by Rumania

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General rushes to sell took place, which increased by the increased chances of a general railway strike in the United States.

Before the descent of prices could be checked, losses that reached to 8 1/2 cents a bushel were shown for the principal trading month, December, which sold as low as \$1.45 1/2 as compared with \$1.54 at Saturday's finish.

In the late dealings, weakness again became acute. Prices tumbled lower than before and closed 9 1/2 to 11 1/2 net lower with September at \$1.40 1/2 to \$1.40 3/4 and December at \$1.43 1/2 to \$1.44 1/2, the extreme break of the session.

News that actual fighting between the Rumanians and the Teutons had already begun accompanied the final downturn in prices and made the trading at the finish a frantic whirl of excitement.

### PROHIB SPECIAL HERE ON SEPT. 8

Candidate Hanly's Train Will Stop at Rock Island on Nation-Wide Tour Next Month.

Chicago, Aug. 28.—The "prohibition special" carrying J. Frank Hanly, the presidential candidate, and Dr. Ira Landrith, candidate for vice president, on their two months' tour of the nation, will stop at approximately 600 towns, it was announced here today at the national prohibition headquarters.

On Sept. 8 the following Illinois towns will be visited: Aurora, 8:50 a. m.; Mendota, 10:25 a. m.; Princeton, 11:15 a. m.; Kewanee, 12:25 p. m.; Galva, 1:05 p. m.; Woodhull, 1:55 p. m.; Alpha, 2:25 p. m.; Rio, 2:50 p. m.; Monmouth, 3:45 p. m.; Galesburg, 4:40 p. m.; Rock Island, Moline and Davenport, 7:30 p. m.

### LABOR FEDERATION TO MEET IN QUINCY

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 28.—A call for the annual convention of the Federation of Labor to be held in Quincy, Ill., Oct. 16, was issued here today by John H. Walker, president of the federation. The call says that many questions of importance to organized labor will be considered. It is understood that one of them will deal with the efforts of labor leaders to secure the passage of a bill in the legislature modifying the powers of the state courts in the question of issuing injunctions restraining strikers from picketing plants involved in strikes.

### HEAD OF DEMOCRAT SPEAKERS' BUREAU

Chicago, Aug. 28.—J. Bruce Kremer, democratic national committeeman from Montana, today was appointed head of the speakers' bureau at western democratic national campaign headquarters.

### JOHN D. SHOOP IS NEAR DEATH DOOR

McFarren Davis, Well Known Editor, May Die From Injury in Automobile Crash.

Danville, Ill., Aug. 28.—John D. Shoop, superintendent of schools of Chicago, is in a hospital here, seriously injured as a result of an automobile turning turtle at Woodyard station, a few miles south of Danville, at 8 o'clock last night.

McFarren Davis, for 25 years editor of the Paris, Ill., Beacon, and one of the best known country newspaper editors in the state, is at the point of death at Paris with a fractured skull and left ear badly lacerated. He is not expected to live through the day.

P. F. Hager, of Paris, Ill., cashier of the Edgar County bank, had his right shoulder crushed, his jaw broken and is injured internally, but will recover.

Dr. E. E. Jones, the driver of the machine, was slightly bruised about the body.

Arnold Shoop, son of the superintendent, was uninjured.

Superintendent Shoop arrived in Danville yesterday afternoon. Late in the afternoon he and his son went to Ridge farm, where they met Davis, Hager and Jones, who had driven over from Paris to take the visitor and his son over to spend the night at their former home.

The machine was crossing a culvert when it skidded and turned turtle, going into the ditch below.

Mr. Shoop was thrown out of range of the machine, striking the hard ground alongside of the ditch with great force. His chest was crushed, collar bone broken, being rendered unconscious and was still in that condition when brought to the hospital in this city.

Messrs. Davis, Hager and Jones were taken to Paris and placed in a hospital there. A telephone message from there this morning, stated that Davis was still unconscious and that he was fatally injured.

Hospital physicians state that Mr. Shoop will in all likelihood recover.

At 10:30 a. m. sisters at St. Elizabeth's hospital reported the condition of Mr. Shoop as being very grave.

It became known today that Mr. Shoop was able to come to Danville on an interurban car without assistance. It was not until after a physician was called that the extent and serious nature of the injuries of the Chicago educator were learned.

Dr. Hatfield, attending physician, stated that it would be some time before he could determine the extent of the injuries, but hoped for his recovery.

### 3,000 Bow in Prayer For Dead Prelate

Peoria, Ill., Aug. 28.—Three thousand children of Peoria's parochial schools knelt in St. Mary's cathedral this morning to pay solemn tribute to the memory of Archbishop John Lancaster Spalding, who died last Friday afternoon.

Funeral services will be held at the cathedral at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning with Catholic dignitaries from many cities throughout the United States present.

### C. B. & Q. STRIKE IN CHICAGO TODAY

Freight Handlers Make Threat of General Tieup if Wishes Are Not Granted.

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Three hundred and fifty men employed by the C. B. & Q. struck this afternoon.

### Latest Bulletins

Burlington, Ia., Aug. 28.—Two life termers escaped from the state prison at Fort Madison this morning. They are Arnold Zimmer of Burlington and Earl Lindsey of Colfax. The men were employed as trusty chauffeurs outside the prison walls and seized an automobile drove away.

Washington, Aug. 28.—Representatives of 75 leading southern tobacco growers conferred here today with senators and representatives protesting against the British embargo against shipment of American tobacco to Germany and Austria.

Spring Lake, N. J., Aug. 28.—The condition of Mrs. William G. McAdoo, daughter of President Wilson, was unchanged today, it was stated by Colonel William Gray Schaeffer, attending physician. Mrs. McAdoo is ill with typhoid fever.

Des Moines, Ia., Aug. 28.—Charles C. Rhodes, after turning on the burner, went to sleep with his head resting on a pillow in the oven of the gas stove at his home here last night. His wife found his dead body today.

Des Moines, Iowa, Aug. 28.—The federal land bank board opened its business meeting to consider proposals for the location of land banks this afternoon.

Washington, Aug. 28.—Portsmouth, N. H., was agreed upon today by Secretary Lansing and Eliseo Arredondo, General Carranza's ambassador, as the meeting place of the international joint commission to settle the border troubles.

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### ANOTHER BIG ARMY JOINS 'ALLIES' SIDE

Vital Phase of Great European Contest Shifts to Balkan Front.

### GERMANY SEES PERIL

Entrance of Rumania Into Conflict Opens Gateway for Russ Invasion.

Berlin, Aug. 28, (via London, 7:45 p. m.)—Germany has declared war on Rumania.

Berlin, Aug. 28, (via London, 1:45 p. m.)—Rumania declared war on Austria-Hungary on Sunday evening, it is announced officially here.

The announcement follows: "The Rumanian government yesterday evening declared war on Austria-Hungary."

"The federal council has been convened for an immediate sitting."

London, Aug. 28, (2:47 p. m.)—Germany probably will declare war on Rumania within 24 hours, after which Turkey and Bulgaria are expected to do likewise, according to a dispatch from The Hague to the Exchange Telegraph company.

RUMANIANS TAKEN AS PRISONERS.

Berlin, Aug. 28 (via London, 5:30 p. m.)—Fighting has been begun between Rumanian and Teutonic troops on the Transylvanian frontier, the official announcement of today indicates. The statement says Rumanians have been taken prisoners. The announcement says the Rumanians were captured on the Transylvanian frontier.

Paris, Aug. 28, (12:40 p. m.)—Rumania's decision to enter the war was reached at a meeting of the council held at Bucharest yesterday morning, says a Havas dispatch from Geneva.

The Wolff agency announces that the German federal council was convened immediately after the decision was made known.

Rumania is the fourteenth nation to join in the war. Her intervention either on the side of the entente allies or the central powers has been awaited with symptoms of concern by both since the beginning of the great conflict. This is due not only to Rumania's military strength but also to the strategic advantages of her geographical position and the fact that her entry into the struggle opens to the Russian army a gateway through Rumania to the Bulgarians from the north, while the allied army having its base at Saloniki attacks them and their German allies from the south.

Nevertheless, Rumania's military strength is by no means inconsiderable. The country has a population of 6,800,000 and her army has been estimated at 560,000. It is often described as one of the most thoroughly equipped and disciplined armies in Europe but recent information from Bucharest has thrown some doubt upon its quality. Later it has been stated that Rumanian officers are ill-trained and undisciplined, that Rumania has no heavy artillery and that its flying service is inferior. Some advocates of Rumania's participation in the war have asserted that she could mobilize as many as one million men. (The mobilization of the army, in progress for months, was a few days ago reported to be complete.

Motive for War.

The motive which prompts Rumania to enter the war is the satisfaction of her "national aspirations," described by Take Jonescu, the Rumanian liberal leader, as the "policy of national instinct." Concisely this means national expansion. In the southern half of Bukovina the Austrian crownland, the Rumanians are the dominant race. The mass of the people of eastern Transylvania, a part of Hungary, is Rumanian by race and language. It is said 4,000,000 Rumanians live in Transylvania.

Rumania has been credited with a long cherished ambition to annex these provinces, and at the same time "liberate" the Rumanians now under Austria.

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### WEYERHAEUSER TAX PAID IN MINNESOTA

St. Paul, Aug. 28.—Payment of an inheritance tax of \$216,910.43 on the estate of Frederick Weyerhaeuser, lumberman, who died April 4, 1914, and of \$13,739.29 on the estate of his wife, was made Saturday.

This makes the total inheritance tax paid by the Weyerhaeuser estate \$362,089.72, and the amount of property taxed \$11,594,322. Saturday payments were on property transferred as gifts by Mr. Weyerhaeuser to his children before his death.

### CHICAGO POLICE HOLD PEORIAN

Chicago, Aug. 28.—Harry Pollack wanted in Peoria, Ill., on a charge made by a woman is held in custody here today.